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1. An airfield, built since the war, is located about 3 kms. S. of the town of Korsak Hagila (unlocated), Ukraine, reported to be about 90 kms. east of Melitopol (46° 52' N, 35° 22' E). Since the region is not flat, a large surface had to be leveled in order to build the field. The total surface of the field is about 5 sq. kms. The runways are of concrete. Work on the field itself was completed in October 1945. During the winter of 1945-46, a building was constructed to house the headquarters and the navigation office, and some barracks for personnel have been built since then. The field was occupied in March 1946 and equipped with planes of all models but especially of the American Fortress type. Pilots for these planes arrived in 1946 and a large flying school was opened. Half of the pilots were already trained but had to be given additional training in the use of four-motor planes; the others were recruits who were trained directly on the four-motor planes. The personnel of the field numbered 1,500 Russians. Prisoners-of-war were used in 1946 for cutting down the woods surrounding the field.

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2. Airfields in the Maikop (44° 36' N, 40° 07' E) area include the following:

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2. On the Maikop-Krasnodar road, northwest of Maikop:

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d. At Balorechenskaya, 24 kms. NW of Maikop:

Large airfield, 3,000 x 1,000 m., north of the road (sic; railroad?) from Maikop. [REDACTED] Comment: This may be what is shown on IAP Aeronautical Chart as an emergency landing field at about 44°47'N, 39°56'E).

3. There is an Air Force firing ground 7 kms. northwest of Maikop.
4. Two military schools are located in Maikop, an air school for the training of pilots and a tank school for the training of non-commissioned mechanics.
5. A summer camp (?-letnie lagira), consisting of wooden barracks, is located 1 km. south of Maikop on the Maikop-Tulskaya road. It includes a large maneuver ground. A course for reserve officers is given here each autumn.

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